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Term	Time of Observation	Source and Employment	Installation	Location	Occupation	Remarks
25X1	Volga (25-46, February 26-00) 1960.		Barracks installation of 2 L-shaped four-story buildings, 1 workshop compound, 2 material and equipment storehouses, 1 large garage, 1 ration storehouse and 4 new officers' billets; equipped with a railroad spur track, and enclosed by a wall along the eastern and southern edges and a barbed-wire fence along the western and northern edges.	Eastern sector of the city, about 300 meters north-west of the former Estonian railroad station.	<p>An engineer unit of 800 to 1,000 men referred to as regiment occupied the northern section of the installation. The soldiers received meals in four groups of 200 to 250 men. They wore black-bordered epaulets with crossed-tool insignia. The unit was commanded by a colonel and included three or four majors. It was equipped with rifles, submachine guns, light machine guns, and numerous Studebaker trucks. Tools of every type, and wooden boxes resembling mines were stored in the material depot.</p> <p>A railway artillery battalion of about 400 men occupied the southern section of the barracks installation. The men wore red-bordered epaulets with insignia consisting of a gun barrel with two wheels. Besides light infantry weapons, source almost daily observed two railway guns mounted on flatcars on the railroad spur near the workshop compound. He was told by Soviet soldiers that the guns whose barrels projected beyond the front edges of the flatcars were 210-mm guns.</p> <p>Source occasionally saw a general in the barracks installation who lived in the city. According to Soviet soldiers, the general was the post commander.</p> <p>The officers' mess was located north of the barracks installation. Building materials were stored opposite the installation. A ration supply depot was located in the southwestern sector of the city.</p>	

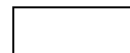
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25X1 Halverson (N 59-22, 26-21)	Prior to May 1949		Barracks installation of 4 three-story buildings, 1 smaller head- quarters building, 2 kitchen and mess build- ings, and 2 garages, 80 meters long, enclosed by a brick wall, 2.5 meters high.	Northern perimeter of the city, about 400 meters northwest of the railroad station and directly south of the air- field.	The headquarters and 3 or 4 batteries of an AAA regiment occupied the installation prior to May 1949. The unit was subordinate to an AAA division employed at the coast with the division headquarters located in Hanku (N 59-29, E 126-31). There were about 800 men in the unit. The enlisted men wore army uniforms. After 1949, the officers wore bluish-grey blouses with light-blue patches. The unit was commanded by a colonel. Source observed, in the garage, an unidentified number of heavy MGs similar to the German 88-mm MG gun, and 25 to 30 trucks.	
			Barracks installation of 1 old four-story building.	On the east side of Pik Taen in the western sector of the city.	One battalion of a security division of about 400 men. It was assigned in the restricted coastal area around, and east of Kori (N 59-26, E 126-50), and occupied the installation which was referred to as infantry barracks by residents. The soldiers wore green cap bands and green-bordered epaulets. They were equipped with light animal-drawn vehicles carrying 10 to 12 Maxim heavy machine guns and 3 to 10 82-mm mortars.	

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25X1	Delivered Prior to (19 59-22, May 1949 19 23-21)		Headquarters billets in private houses,	Last side of Pik Taen and south of the infantry barracks in the western sector of the city,	Local residents said that the billets were occupied, prior to 1949, by the town headquarters, a division headquarters and a regimental headquarters of coast guard units, and MVD units. The men wore light-green and blue service color.	
			Barrecks installation of a large cantonment over 500 meters wide and including an unidentified number of brick buildings and workshops,	On Voidu Taen, on the southern perimeter of the city,	The installation was occupied by tank units of at least one regiment.	

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Tartu	1948 to (N 58-20, the spring - 26-40) of 1949.		Barracks installation in a former estate of an unidentified number of billets, stables, storage sheds, store-houses, and excavated bunkers, enclosed by a brick wall topped by an iron fence.	Southern perimeter of the city bounded by Aardla Taen to the north.	A horse-drawn artillery unit of 400 to 500 men commanded by a major occupied the installation. The unit was equipped with 12 to 15 122-mm guns with limbers which were stored in the sheds and had short thick barrels, split-trail gun carriages and shields. It also had about 20 light animal-drawn vehicles which were parked in front of a stable. The unit practiced at a training grounds about 10 km south of the city. A colonel was frequently observed in the installation. Soviet soldiers said that arrangements had been made to move the headquarters of an artillery regiment into the installation on the completion of a number of buildings under construction.	The installation was generally referred to as the Artillery Barracks Repka Moise.
	Prior to August 1949		Headquarters billets in an old three-story building.	On the west side of Tehe Taen and about 600 meters east of the slaughter-house, in the south-eastern sector of the city.	The MVD headquarters for the city of Tartu, commanded by Captain Bogomolov (fnu) (phonetic spelling), occupied the installation. They wore army uniforms with blue piping on their trousers, blue caps with red bands and blue-bordered red epaulets with yellow rank insignia similar to those of the army.	

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			Billets of 1 three-story building and 3 cantonment buildings	Western sector of the city, several hundred meters north of the railroad station	An MVD battalion of about 400 men occupied the billets. The soldiers were very young and carried rifles and submachine guns.	
			Billets	City center, near the market-place	Occupied by about 50 militia wearing blue uniforms with blue service color and commanded by a Soviet major.	
			Billets	On the east side of Keeli Taen, north of the railroad station	Railway militia wearing the uniform of the municipal police occupied the billets. They carried rifles and submachine guns and were assigned as escort parties to all freight and passenger trains in Estonia.	
			Barracks installation	North-eastern perimeter of the city and south of the airfield	The installation was still completely destroyed.	

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